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### **1. CLIMATE: EPA girds for Texas permitting takeover**

U.S. EPA is a day away from seizing control of a Texas program that issues air pollution permits to power plants, refineries and other large sources of greenhouse gases, the agency said yesterday in a final warning to state officials. If the Obama administration proceeds with the takeover -- a rare occurrence in the 40-year history of the Clean Air Act -- it would be the most dramatic step in EPA's feud with Texas Gov. Rick Perry (R) and his appointees, who have fought federal climate rules in court and have refused to limit the amount of planet-warming emissions released by Texas businesses.

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